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SUBJECT: DUPONT DISCUSSIONS OF CHLOROPRENE WITH SOVIETS

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1. DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED CHLOROPRENE PROBLEM WITH
KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS AT DUPONT HEADQUARTERS IN
WILMINGTON. LATTER STATED THAT DR. JOHN KLACSMANN, VICE
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED SHAPIRO TO MOSCOW, HAS RAISED THE
MATTER WITH VYACHESLAV F. STEPANOV, SOVIET EMBASSY MEDICAL
COUNSELOR HERE. KLACSMANN HAD PROPOSED TO STEPANOV THAT
US AND SOVIET SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS MEET IN MOSCOW TO COMPARE
DATA ON THE CHLOROPRENE PROBLEM. STEPANOV HAD LEFT
SHORTLY THEREAFTER FOR VACATION IN MOSCOW SAYING THAT HE
WOULD DISCUSS DUPONT'S IDEA FOR A MEETING WITH HIS
SUPERIORS. LIKEWISE CHEMICAL MINISTER KOSTANDOV HAD
PROMISED SHAPIRO THAT HE WOULD INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEM.
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2. DUPONT EXPECTS TO HEAR FROM KOSTANDOV AND STEPANOV AT
THE END OF AUGUST OR THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. UNTIL
THEN THE COMPANY DOES NOT BELIEVE INTERVENTION BY

DEPARTMENT IS NECESSARY. DUPONT APPRECIATED DEPARTMENT
AND EMBASSY INTEREST, HOWEVER, AND PROMISED TO REMAIN IN

TOUCH. VANCE

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